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SUBJECT: TRAVEL BY DAVID ROCKEFELLER TO CZECHOSLOVAKIA AND
GDR

GENEVA FOR AMBASSADOR SHERER

1. DEPARTMENT HAS BEEN INFORMED THAT DAVID ROCKEFELLER,
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD, CHASE MANHATTAN BANK, PLANNING TO
VISIT CZECHOSLOVAKIA IN JUNE AS GUEST OF GOC. ROCKEFELLER
EXPECTED TO ARRIVE IN PRAGUE ON JUNE 4 AND TO VISIT
BRATISLAVA ON JUNE 5. HE PLANS TO DEPART CZECHOSLOVAKIA
FOR BERLIN ON JUNE 6. ROCKEFELLER WILL BE TRAVELING IN
PRIVATE AIRCRAFT.

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2. FOR BONN AND US MISSION BERLIN.

DEPARTMENT HAS CAREFULLY WEIGHED PROBLEM OF FLIGHT BY AMERICAN REGISTRY AIRCRAFT FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO BERLIN-SCHOENEFELD OUTSIDE THE BERLIN CORRIDORS. WE HAVE CONCLUDED THAT FLIGHT CAN TAKE PLACE OUTSIDE CORRIDOR ALONG SOUTH-NORTH ROUTE PROVIDED FLIGHT CARD FILED BY ALLIED CONTROLLERS IN BASC NOTIFYING SOVIETS OF ESTIMATED TIME OF ENTRY BY AIRCRAFT INTO BERLIN CONTROL ZONE (BCZ).

3. EMBASSY BONN SHOULD INFORM UK AND FRENCH ON TRIPARTITE BASIS OF ROCKEFELLER FLIGHT, AND STATE THAT OUR PRELIMINARY VIEW IS THAT WE SHOULD APPROVE PRAGUE-BERLIN/SCHOENEFELD ROUTING. IN EXPLAINING OUR POSITION US REP MAY WISH DRAW ANALOGY TO ALLIED TRAVEL POLICY FOR SURFACE TRAVEL TO BERLIN, POINTING OUT THAT ESTABLISHMENT OF RELATIONS WITH GDR BY ALLIES IS AN ACCOMPLISHED FACT AND THERE NO LONGER EXISTS SAME NEED FOR PROHIBITION AGAINST ALLIED FLIGHTS TO SCHOENEFELD FROM POINTS BASICALLY TO EAST OF GDR VIA NON-CORRIDOR ROUTINGS. WE WOULD, OF COURSE, CONTINUE TO FAVOR USE OF CORRIDORS BY ALL ALLIED AIRCRAFT APPROACHING BERLIN FROM WEST, WHETHER ORIGINATING IN FRG OR OVERFLYING IT FROM POINTS BEYOND.

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